

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section, said casing comprising:

a main casing section including a bottom plate having said keyboard section placed thereon, a keyslip portion extending upward from said bottom plate in front of said keyboard section, and left and right side plates extending upward from said bottom plate at left and right sides of said keyboard section;

a rear casing section including a roof plate forming rear an upper surfaces of said casing, and a back plate extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate; and

a slidingly-attaching structure that slidingly attaches said rear casing section to said main casing section, whereby said rear casing section is detachably attached to said main casing section to constitute said casing.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 1 wherein said slidingly-attaching structure slidingly attaches said rear casing section to said left and right side plates of said main casing section.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 1 wherein said back plate has a main tone hole formed therein, and a speaker is disposed with a front thereof opposed to said main tone hole.

Claim 4 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 3 wherein said roof plate has a subsidiary tone hole formed therein to allow a sound outputted via said speaker to escape therethrough.

Claim 5 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 4 wherein said subsidiary tone hole has a smaller area than said main tone hole.

Claim 6 (original) An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 1 wherein said slidably-attaching structure includes a slidably-pressing structure that, when said rear casing section is slid, in a back-to-front direction, relative to said main casing section for detachable attachment to said main casing section, applies greater pressing force as an amount of sliding movement of said rear casing section relative to said main casing section increases.

Claim 7 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 6 wherein said slidably-pressing structure includes a tapered surface formed in at least one of said rear casing section and said main casing section.

Claim 8 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 2 wherein said slidably-attaching structure includes a slidably-pressing structure that, when said rear casing section is slid, in a back-to-front direction, relative to said main casing section for detachable attachment to said main casing section, applies greater pressing force as an amount of sliding movement of said rear casing section relative to said main casing section increases.

Claim 9 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 8 wherein said slidingly-pressing structure includes a tapered surface formed in at least one of said rear casing section and said main casing section.

Claim 10 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section, said casing comprising:

- a main casing section including a bottom plate having said keyboard section placed thereon, and a keyslip portion extending upward from said bottom plate in front of said keyboard section;

- a rear casing section including a roof plate forming a rear upper surface of said casing, and a back plate extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate; and

- left and right side plates extending upward from said bottom plate at left and right sides of said keyboard section, said left and right side plates belonging to and being formed integrally with either one of said main casing section and said rear casing section,

- wherein a circuit board of an operation panel and a main circuit board of said electronic keyboard musical instrument are provided on said rear casing section, whereby said rear casing section is detachably attached to said main casing section along with individual ones of said circuit boards.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section, said casing comprising:

a bottom plate having said keyboard section placed thereon;

a keyslip portion extending upward from said bottom plate in front of said keyboard section;

left and right side plates extending upward from said bottom plate at left and right sides of said keyboard section;

a roof plate forming an upper surface of said casing; and

a back plate extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate,

wherein said casing can be disassembled into ~~said~~ a main casing section, including at least said bottom plate and said keyslip portion, and said rear casing section including at least said back plate, and

wherein a circuit board of an operation panel and a main circuit board of said electronic keyboard musical instrument are provided on said rear casing section, whereby said rear casing section is detachably attached to said main casing section along with individual ones of said circuit boards.

Claim 12 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 11 wherein said main circuit board is provided on said back plate.

Claim 13 (original): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 11 wherein said rear casing section includes said roof plate, and said circuit board of the operation panel is disposed under said roof plate.

Claim 14 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section, said casing comprising:

a main casing section including a bottom plate having said keyboard section placed thereon and a keyslip portion extending upward from said bottom plate in front of said keyboard section;

a rear casing section including a roof plate forming a rear upper surface of said casing, and a back plate extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate; and

side plates belonging to and being formed integrally with either one of said main casing section and said rear casing section,

wherein a circuit board of an operation panel and a main circuit board of said electronic keyboard musical instrument are provided on said rear casing section, whereby said rear casing section is detachably attached to said main casing section along with individual ones of said circuit boards.

Claim 15 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 14 wherein said main circuit board is provided on said back plate.

Claim 16 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 14 wherein said rear casing section includes said roof plate, and said circuit board of the operation panel is disposed under said roof plate.

Claim 17 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 14 wherein said back plate has a main tone hole formed therein, and a speaker is disposed with a front thereof opposed to said main tone hole.

Claim 18 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 17 wherein said roof plate has a subsidiary tone hole formed therein to allow a sound outputted via said speaker to escape therethrough.

Claim 19 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 14 wherein said side plates connect the main casing section to the rear casing section.

Claim 20 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section, said casing comprising:

a main casing section including at least a bottom plate having said keyboard section placed thereon, and a keyslip portion extending upward from said bottom plate in front of said keyboard section;

a rear casing section including at least a roof plate forming an upper surface of said casing, and a back plate extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate; and

slidingly-attaching means for slidingly attaching said rear casing section to said main casing section, whereby said rear casing section is detachably attached to said main casing section to constitute said casing, wherein side plates belonging to and being formed integrally with either one of said main casing section and said rear casing section and side plates connecting the main casing section to the rear casing section.

Claim 21 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 20 wherein said slidingly-attaching means slidingly attaches said rear casing section to said side plates of said main casing section.

Claim 22 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 20 wherein said back plate has a main tone hole formed therein, and a speaker is disposed with a front thereof opposed to said main tone hole.

Claim 23 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 22 wherein said roof plate has a subsidiary tone hole formed therein to allow a sound outputted via said speaker to escape therethrough.

Claim 24 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 20 wherein said slidingly-attaching means includes a slidingly-pressing structure that, when said rear casing section is slide, in a back-to-front direction, relative to said main casing section for detachable attachment to said main casing section, applies greater pressing force as an amount of sliding movement of said rear casing section relative to said main casing section increases.

Claim 25 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 24 wherein said slidingly-pressing structure includes a tapered surface formed in at least one of said rear casing section and said main casing section.

Claim 26 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 20 wherein a circuit board of an operation panel and a main circuit board of said electronic keyboard musical instrument are provided on said rear casing section.

Claim 27 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 26 wherein said main circuit board is provided on said back plate.

Claim 28 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 26 wherein said rear casing section includes said roof plate, and said circuit board of the operation panel is disposed under said roof plate.

Claim 29 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section, said casing comprising:

a main casing section; and

a rear casing section including at least a roof plate forming an upper surface of said casing, and a back plate extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate,

wherein said rear casing section is detachably attachable to said main casing section to constitute said casing,

wherein said back plate has a main tone hole formed therein, and a speaker is disposed with a front thereof opposed to said main tone hole, and

wherein said roof plate has subsidiary tone hole formed therein to allow a sound outputted via said speaker to escape therethrough.

Claim 30 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 29, wherein acoustical vibrations from the backside of the speakers are emitted from the subsidiary tone hole.

Claim 31 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument comprising a keyboard section and a casing that accommodates therein said keyboard section,

wherein said casing includes a bottom plate portion having said keyboard section placed thereon, a keyslip portion extending upward from said bottom plate portion in front of said keyboard section, a roof plate portion forming an upper surface of said casing, a back plate portion extending downward from a rear edge of said roof plate portion, and side plate portions connecting said roof plate portion and said bottom plate portion at left and right sides of said keyboard section,

wherein said casing is separable into a main casing section that includes said bottom plate portion and keyslip portion and a rear casing section that includes at least said back plate portion, so that said rear casing section is detachably attached to said main casing section, and

wherein said rear casing section further includes a reinforcing plate coupling said roof plate portion and said back plate portion, and said main casing section and said rear casing section are coupled with each other by securing said reinforcing plate and said bottom plate portion via fastener means with said bottom plate portion held between a lower end portion of said reinforcing plate and a lower edge portion of said back plate portion.

Claim 32 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 31 where said fastener means is a screw.

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Claim 33 (new): An electronic keyboard musical instrument as claimed in claim 31 where said fastener means is a resiliently-deformable fitting member.